

Robert Brent to Thomas Jefferson, August 6, 1805, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

Robert Brent to Jefferson

City of Washington August 6th 1805

Dear Sir

At a meeting in the Capitol this day of the Board of Trustees of the public Schools established by an act of the Corporation of this City, you were unanimously appointed president of the Board; and it is with peculiar satisfaction that I fulfil the Instructions of the meeting in communicating this circumstance to you.

I have the honor to be with respect & Esteem Dear Sir

Your Obt Servt Robert Brent *Chairman*

[Ms., *Jefferson Papers*, Library of Congress.]

Jefferson to Lambert

Th: Jefferson returns his thanks to mr Lambert for the pamphlets he has sent him and for the testimony they contain of his respect, he has much confidence in the accuracy with which he has ascertained the geographical position of our capital, and on account of the importance of a just ascertainment of our first meridian, hopes it will be still pursued by himself & others familiar with the practice as well as the theory of the subject, he presents him his salutations & respects.

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Monticello. Aug. 12. 05.

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